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## BEFORE THE STATE AUDITOR AND COMMISSIONER OF SECURITIES HELENA, MONTANA

1001 IN THE MATTER OF: ) CASE NO. SEC-2005-41 03-07-06-2011 BERNARD M. KOMER, and CONSENT AGREEMENT CITIGROUP GLOBAL MARKETS INC., and ORDER Respondents.

TO: Citigroup Global Markets, Inc. c/o John Weindler 77 Waterstreet, 8th Floor New York, New York 10005

The Montana Securities Commissioner (Commissioner), pursuant to the authority of the Securities Act of Montana, §30-10-101, et seq., Mont. Code Ann. (2005), hereby alleges the following:

### **ALLEGATIONS OF FACT**

- Securities Department of the State Auditor's Office of the State of
  Montana (Department) received information that indicated that Bernard
  M. Komer (Komer) was the subject of a Chapter 7 bankruptcy, File
  9523134, in the Southern District of Florida, within the last 10 years.
- A review of the Central Registration Depository (CRD), a nationwide computer system developed by NASAA and NASD and implemented in 1981 indicated that Bernard M. Komer (CRD 726246) registered in Montana as a salesperson on November 9, 2001 and as an investment adviser representative on October 31, 2002 with Citigroup Global Markets, Inc. (Citigroup) Komer conducts business out of the Citigroup Global Markets, Inc.'s office located at 1830 3rd Avenue East, Kalispell, MT 59601.
- The Form U-4, provided to the Department by Citigroup, item 22(K)(1)

  [revised 11/1991] asks "within the past 10 years have you made a

  compromise with creditors, filed a bankruptcy petition or been the subject

  of an involuntary bankruptcy petition?" A review of Komer's disclosures

  on the CRD indicates a "no" to this question. (Exhibit 1.)
- A review of information obtained from the National White Collar Crime
  Commission indicates that Bernard M. Komer filed for Chapter 7,
  Voluntary Bankruptcy, on August 14, 1995, File 9523134, and was
  subsequently discharged in bankruptcy on January 17, 1996 in the
  Southern District of Florida.

On October 20, 2004, the Department sent a letter to Raymond Mealia,

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Compliance Director for Citigroup Global Markets, Inc., requesting a copy

of Komer's Form U-4 that was effective November 9, 2001, copies of all

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subsequent amendments to Komer's U-4, a statement from Komer regarding the bankruptcy and an explanation as to why the bankruptcy was not disclosed.

- Komer provided an explanation to the Department regarding his failure to disclose the bankruptcy in a letter dated October 25, 2004 and stated "in 1995, while a broker at PaineWebber, a personal bankruptcy was filed.

  The filing was a Chapter 7 that was due to a toxic divorce that lasted from 1992 to 1997 with court proceedings and broke me because of legal fees, and debts from the marriage. PaineWebber said it was not important at the time and decided not to put it on my U-4. I reported it because it was a legal proceeding as required. When I came to Smith Barney on August 30, 1996 my U-4 went through with no mention because of PaineWebber, but they were made aware of it."
- October 26, 2004. Citigroup Global Markets, Inc provided a copy of Komer's original Form U-4 [revised 11/1991] only, dated August 30, 1996 and Komer responded "no" to the question "have you or a firm that you exercised management or policy control over, or owned 10% or more of the securities of, failed in business, made a compromise with creditors, filed a bankruptcy petition or been declared bankrupt." The form was signed and dated by Komer on August 30, 1996. Furthermore, the form includes the attestation "I have taken appropriate steps to verify the accuracy and completeness of the information contained in and with this application" which was signed and dated on August 30, 1996 by William

Diener on behalf of Citigroup Global Markets, Inc. (formerly Smith Barney, Inc.)

Were the foregoing allegations of fact proven to be true, the following would apply:

#### CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

- 1. The Montana State Auditor is the Commissioner of Securities (Commissioner) pursuant to §§ 30-10-107 and 2-15-1903, MCA (2003).
- 2. The Commissioner has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to §§ 30-10-102, 30-10-107, 30-10-201, 30-10-301, 30-10-304, 30-10-305, 30-10-307, MCA (2003).
- 3. The administration of the Securities Act of Montana, § 30-10-101, et seq., MCA (2003), is under the supervision and control of the Securities Commissioner. Section 30-10-107, MCA.
- 4. The Commissioner has jurisdiction over this matter by reason of Respondent's application for salesperson and investment advisor representative registration in Montana. §§30-10-107, 30-10-201, MCA.
- 5. Komer filed an application for registration as both a salesperson and as an investment advisor representative that, as of its effective date, was incomplete in material respects. § 30-10-201(13)(a), MCA.
- 6. Citigroup Global Markets, Inc. submitted Form U-4 to the State of Montana on behalf of Bernard Komer without ensuring the accuracy of the form and may, therefore, be in violation of § 30-10-201(13)(a), MCA.

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# AGREEMENT

- A. Without admitting or denying the above findings of fact and conclusions of law,

  Respondent hereby stipulates and consents to the following:
- 1. Citigroup will comply with the Securities Act of Montana, and the rules and orders promulgated thereunder;
  - 2. Citigroup will pay an administrative fine in the amount of \$4,000;
  - 4. Respondent waives its right to a hearing on the allegations contained herein.
- B. Pursuant to the stipulation and consent of the Respondent, the Commissioner agrees that if the terms and conditions of the consent agreement are fully met, he will not initiate any civil or administrative action against Respondent regarding the allegations contained herein, pursuant to §30-10-305, MCA (2003).
  - C. The parties agree and stipulate as follows:
- 1. Citigroup will provide proper supervision so that Komer properly amends his U-4 to reflect his bankruptcy.
- 2. This Consent Agreement constitutes the entire agreement between the parties, there being no other promises or agreements, either express or implied. Under authority of the Montana Securities Act, the Department hereby agrees that it will not initiate any civil or administrative action against Respondent regarding the allegations contained in this agreement.

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3. Respondent fully and forever release and discharge the Office of the State Auditor, the elected State Auditor and all State Auditor employees from any and all actions, claims, causes of action, demands, or expenses for damages or injuries that may arise from the allegations underlying this Consent Agreement, whether asserted or unasserted, known or unknown, foreseen or unforeseen, arising out of the agreement.

Stipulated and consented to on this 26 day of April 2006.

CITIGROUP GLOBAL MARKETS, INC.

By. John P. Wendler Title: Denother

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Notary Public for the State of New York

Residing at

My commission expires

TERRY MANSFIELD

Notary Public, State of New York

No. 01MA4762676

Qualified in New York County

Commission Expires Sept. 20, 2008

Dated this 9th day of May 2006

STATE AUDITOR JOHN MORRISON

By: KEVIN F. PHILLIPS

Title: SPECIAL ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL

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## ORDER

On the basis of the Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law and Respondents' consent to the entry of this order, for the purpose of settling this matter prior to a hearing, and without admitting or denying any of the Findings of Fact or Conclusions of Law, the Commissioner ORDERS Respondent to pay a fine of \$4,000. The Commissioner further orders Citigroup to provide proper supervision so that Komer properly amends his U-4 to reflect his bankruptcy. Additionally, the Commissioner orders Respondent to comply with the Securities Act of Montana and the rules promulgated in support of the Act.

Dated this 174 day of May 2006.

STATE AUDITOR JOHN MORRISON

By: KAREN P

e: DEPUTY SECURITIES COMMISSIONER